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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Umetco Minerals Corporation, LaSal - Snowball Mine,
M/037/026, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 12, 1996
Time of Inspection: 0920 - 1000
Conditions: Overcast, warm
Participants: Sal Venticinque, BLM; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the suspended mine site while in the area.

This mine site is listed with the Division as being in a state of suspension. The gate from the access road to the mine site is currently locked. We were able to walk into the site from the access road to the east. There were signs of recent vehicle traffic within the mine area, although no definitive signs of mining. There were mining claim documents posted at the mine portal. The claim was called the Fisher Claim. The document said that it was recently filed with the State, but as of this date the BLM was unaware of any claims officially filed with them.

On one of the other buildings was another mining claim document which was posted by Boyd Bradford. There were a series of claims listed on this posting, although again, it was not a claim notice. It just said that these claims covered these areas, and then no trespassing. Boyd Bradford's claims were named the Beaver #'s 22-28, UMC 358053-859; the Mike Claims, #'s 1-10, UMC 358060-069; and the Pandora Claims, #'s 1-32, UMC 358070-101. According to Sal, these claims are actually located east of this mine site location. This claim document asserted that Boyd Bradford controlled this facility and had access to all the equipment.



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The mine site contains assorted collections of mining related equipment. This equipment is scattered in different localities within the fenced area. There are a number of fuel tanks on site. Photographs were taken of the area from several different view points. There are erosion gullies on the southwest end of the site. These gullies are located near the dump slopes which are eroding. A small berm has been constructed to retain sediments from the dump slopes.

There were two main dumps on site. One was larger and located on the southwest. This larger dump had some vegetation on the top, probably natural invasion. The other dump to the southeast, which was smaller, was relatively unvegetated in comparison to the larger dump. Photographs were taken of the claim documents. For a suspended mine site, the site was moderately well kept. There were 55-gallon drums in some areas, and some minor oil spills on the site.

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cc: Sal Venticinque, BLM, Grand RA
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